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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OTRA, IR

SUBJ: AREA CLEARANCE REQUEST

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1. WE APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED REFTEL ON PROPOSED VISIT TO BANDAR ABBAS BY SIX-PERSON OPERATIONS SECURITY SURVEY TEAM. WE HAVE RECONSIDERED AND MUST RE-CONFIRM OUR ORIGINAL DECISION NOT TO GRANT CLEARANCE FOR THIS VISIT. IN DOING SO WE HAVE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

A. IRANIAN SENSITIVITIES TO US ACTIVITIES AT BANDAR ABBAS. DURING DISCUSSIONS OF P-3 FLIGHTS OUT OF BANDAR ABBAS, WE WERE TOLD BY GOI THAT OUR ACTIVITIES THERE SHOULD NOT TAKE SHAPE AS US BASE. WE BELIEVE WE MUST ACT WITH GREAT CARE TO AVOID GIVING THIS IMPRESSION. IN IRANIAN EYES AND, WE TRUST MINDS OF DOD PLANNERS, THERE IS NO QTE MISSION UNQTE AT BANDAR ABBAS; THERE ARE ONLY P-3 FLIGHTS IN AND OUT, ON OCCASION A COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT UNIT AND AT INTERVALS COD FLIGHTS.

B. NEED FOR VISIT OF TEAM. THIS MISSION, THROUGH EMBASSY, CONFIDENTIAL

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MAAG AND DAO STAFFS, CAN PROVIDE AMPLE INFORMATION ON SECURITY

ASPECTS OF OPERATIONS OUT OF BANDAR ABBAS.

C. SURVEY TECHNIQUES. IRANIANS AT BANDAR ABBAS WOULD QUICKLY BE AWARE OF SIX PERSONS MAKING QTE DIRECT OBSERVATIONS OF OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES UNQTE. THEY WOULD NOT GRANT INTERVIEWS WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION FROM HIGHEST MILITARY LEVELS. FOR REASONS STATED IN PARA A, WE DO NOT WISH TO RAISE QUESTIONS OF THAT KIND ABOUT OUR ACTIVITIES AT BANDAR ABBAS.

2. WE WILL BE PLEASED TO COOPERATE WITH YOUR COMMAND IN PROVIDING INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR OPERATIONS IN THIS AREA. BUT WE BELIEVE WE MUST APPLY TIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON ACTIVITIES WHICH COULD CALL IN QUESTION WHAT WE HAVE TOLD GOI REGARDING PRESENT AND FUTURE US ACTIVITIES AT BANDAR ABBAS.  
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